

Oregon Historic Site Form

Wehrung, Henry, House
472 Washington
Hillsboro, Washington County

LOCATION AND PROPERTY NAME

address: 472 SE Washington ☐ apprx. addr

historic name: Wehrung, Henry, House

Hillsboro ☐ vcnt Washington County

current/
other names:

Optional Information

assoc addresses:
(former addresses, intersections, etc.)

location descr:
(remote sites)

block nbr: _____ lot nbr: _____ tax lot nbr: _____

township: 1N range: 2 W section: 31 1/4: _____

zip: _____

PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS

resource type: building height (# stories): 1.5

total # eligible resources: 1 total # ineligible resources: ☐

elig. evaluation: eligible/contributing

NR status: _____

primary constr date: 188 ☐ (c.) ☒ secondary date: _____ (c.) ☐
(optional--use for major addns)

NR date listed: _____ (indiv listed only; see
Grouping for hist dist)

primary orig use: Single Dwelling

orig use comments: _____

secondary orig use: _____

primary style: Queen Anne

prim style comments: _____

secondary style: _____

sec style comments: _____

primary siding: Cement Fiber Siding

siding comments: _____

secondary siding: Wood:Other/Undefined

plan type: _____

architect: _____

builder: Wehrung, Henry (Owner)

comments/notes: Tree removed

GROUPINGS / ASSOCIATIONS

survey project name or other grouping name: Hillsboro Local Inventory Update 2008 2008 Survey & Inventory Project

farmstead/cluster name: _____

external site #: 33
(ID# used in city/agency database)

SHPO INFO FOR THIS PROPERTY

NR date listed: _____

ILS survey date: _____

RLS survey date: 7/1/2008

Gen File date: _____

106 Project(s)



North façade

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ARCHITECTURAL / PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

(Include expanded description of the building/property, setting, significant landscape features, outbuildings, and alterations)

Architectural Description: The Wehrung House is one of the oldest and finest residences in Hillsboro. This complexly-massed, vertically-scaled, two story, wood framed structure is dominantly Queen Ann in style. Its roof combines a truncated, hipped roof with steeply pitched gables. The two verandas feature truncated roofs supported by beveled posts and lacy jigsaw brackets that form arcades; these features are especially prominent on the veranda that runs the length of the east elevation. The porch entablature features an ornate frieze. The original siding has been covered with asbestos shingles. The eave is boxed and displays a decorated frieze. The window and door surrounds are simple. There are two flared and corbelled chimneys which are set in the truncated section of the roof. The windows are vertically scaled one-over-one double hung sash in single or paired groupings. A polygonal bay is situated in the gable end of the facade. The facade is symmetrically composed, with a formal entry complex. The door has one fixed light, and is highlighted by a transom. This residence merits recognition and inclusion on this inventory architecturally due to the age of the building which is estimated to be circa 1880. It retains much of its architectural integrity, and exhibits elaborate attention to detail.

HISTORY

(Chronological, descriptive history of the property from its construction through at least the historic period [preferably to the present])

Historical Significance: Henry Wehrung owned the lot this house is situated on from 1871 to 1910. The house was built circa 1885-1892. Henry Wehrung was born in Alsace, France in 1828, and sailed around Cape Horn to Oregon in 1852. Henry was a cabinet maker by trade, and translated those skills into building construction. He built the Tualatin Hotel, which was the first hotel in Hillsboro. Henry was the owner and proprietor of the hotel for many years. He also built several other buildings in Hillsboro, including the residence which is the subject of this sketch. Henry married Catherine Emerick, who had crossed the plains with her family in 1848, when she was ten years old. They had four children: Charlotte, Mary, George A., and W.H.. Charlotte married George Patterson, a cabinet maker, builder and statesman (see Resource #32). Mary married David Corwin, who had a meat market. W.H. became president of the Hillsboro National Bank. Mary received the house in 1910. It was sold to Ira Rice in 1925 and to Peter Rasmusson in 1927. In 1934 Marie Schmidt purchased the property. Judge Seabold, a County Commissioner, was one of several subsequent owners. In 1952 Mary Cassy made the building into a nursing home. In 1967 the current owners purchased it. This house is significant due to its association with Henry Wehrung, a well respected citizen and noted businessman in Hillsboro.

RESEARCH INFORMATION

(Check all of the basic sources consulted and cite specific important sources)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Title Records | <input type="checkbox"/> Census Records | <input type="checkbox"/> Property Tax Records | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Histories |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sanborn Maps | <input type="checkbox"/> Biographical Sources | <input type="checkbox"/> SHPO Files | <input type="checkbox"/> Interviews |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Obituaries | <input type="checkbox"/> Newspapers | <input type="checkbox"/> State Archives | <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Photographs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> City Directories | <input type="checkbox"/> Building Permits | <input type="checkbox"/> State Library | |

Local Library: _____ University Library: _____

Historical Society: _____ Other Repository: _____

Bibliography: _____